

Proclamation

WHEREAS, each April since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) has designated April as “Alcohol Awareness Month”; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol Awareness Month was established as a nationwide effort to provide the American public with information about the disease of alcoholism and the serious problem of alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, during this year’s campaign, NCADD is highlighting the important issues of underage drinking, a growing problem with devastating consequences; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous, not only to themselves – but to society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the number one drug of choice for America’s young people and is associated with traffic fatalities, violence, unsafe sex, suicide, educational failure and other behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, those who start drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to become alcoholics than those who begin at age 21; and

WHEREAS, every day in the United States, 7,000 children under the age of 16 take their first drink; and

WHEREAS, 2006 Alcohol Awareness Month, with the theme: “*A Call to Action*,” will serve the community through joint efforts between parents, schools, community organizations, business leaders, government agencies and young people; and

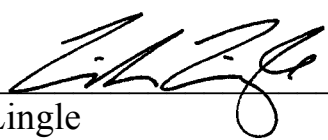
WHEREAS, this partnership is necessary to create comprehensive education, prevention, intervention and treatment resources,

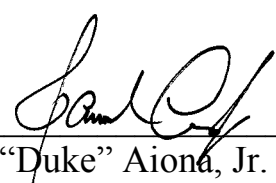
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2006, as

ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

in Hawai`i, and urge all residents to support the efforts of those working to prevent underage drinking.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this sixth day of April 2006.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai`i


James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i